Brumfield, Statham and Clowers land in Washington Parish, Louisiana

Background

James O. Cosby, Commissioner, compiled a report dated 7 June 1813 "containing a List of the Names of Actual Settlers on Land in that part of Louisiana, which lies East of the Mississippi River and Island of New Orleans, and West of Pearl River, who have no claims thereto, derived from the French, British, or Spanish Governments."

The list includes four Brumfields in Greensburg District, St. Tammany Parish: William Brumfield, by purchase, from 1809; Ezekiel Brumfield by settlement, 1810; Ridley Brumfield by settlement, 1801; and Isaac Brumfield, original claimant on several parcels now claimed by Edward Randolph, with a claim date of July 1806 though it isn't clear which of them this date applies to.

Commissioners Charles S. Cosby and Fulwar Skipworth provided a follow-up report dated 18 November 1820. Both reports are part of the Congressional record found in the *American State Papers,*[1] and the information they contain comes from the registers comprising the *Original Exhibit of Private Land Claims Greensburg Book 1 and Book 2,*[2] referred to hereinafter as *Settlers List.* Congress eventually passed several acts relating to the certification of these early claims, to eliminate the uncertainty over titles that was having a dampening effect on the migration of new settlers into Louisiana.

In order to have a claim certified, the claimant was required to show that a certificate had been previously issued to them by one of the aforementioned land commissioners or provide evidence that the claimant to whom such a certificate had been issued had sold them the land. The Register and Receiver would then order that the land be re-surveyed, e.g., "by retracing the old lines and reestablishing the old corners. To contain the quantity of Six Hundred and forty acres if the same can be had within those bounds, without conflicting with any other valid claim, and no more."[3]

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[1] *American State Papers: Public Lands*, *Vol. 3*, Library of Congress (https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwsplink.html#anchor8: accessed 17-22 September 2019).
[2] Historical Documents: Land Claims, Office of State Lands, Louisiana Division of Administration (https://wwwslodms.doa.la.gov/HistoricalDocument: accessed 17-22 September 2019). For page numbers expressed as #/#, the first is the page number shown on the document and the second is the site's page number where the document is found in that collection.
[3] Claim papers of William Brumfield, p. 13/45; Historical Documents: Land Claims, Greensburg T3S R8-14E, & T4S R1&2E.

Records

The northern part of St. Tammany was carved out to create Washington Parish in March 1819, the line running "east and west, beginning at David Robertson's on the Tanchipaho, thence a direct line to the Strawberry Bluffs on the Bogue Chitto, and from thence a line on east until it strikes Pearl River."[4]

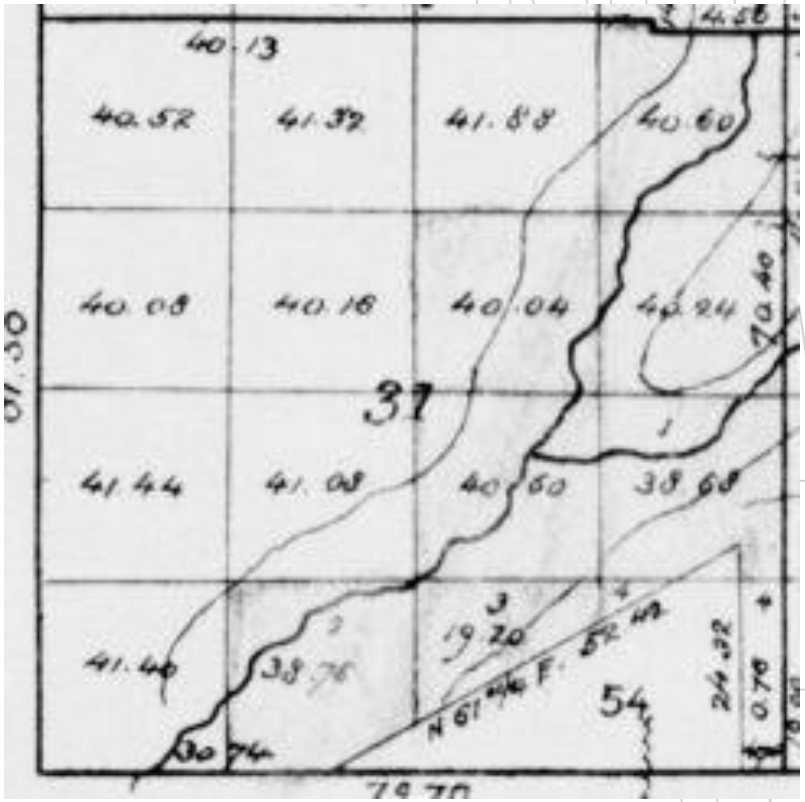
The Brumfields, Stathams (as Statum) and John Clowers named in this document are, with two exceptions, found on various plat maps for Greensburg District, Washington Parish. Altogether there is quite a bit of information to draw from in the Historical Documents of the Office of State Lands in addition to the *Settlers List*, e.g., plat maps, field notes, certificates of confirmation, claim papers and evidence of claims (hereinafter, as Evidence).[5]

A deeper review is still needed of *all* the relevant documents, for the individuals of interest but also for the other names associated with their land, to be able to pinpoint who owned what, when. Part of the challenge is that the records are sometimes inconsistent or incomplete:

- Some field notes (surveyor's notes) are dated and signed by the surveyor but some are not. This would show who owned the land at a particular point in time but the information has to be gleaned from the volume where the survey was found and then cross-referenced with the survey history detailed on the township's official plat map.
- The *Settlers List* was a dynamic document, so it contains the claimant's settlement date but also records later events, e.g., the re-survey dates and description of land — i.e., Twp 2S Range 10E Section 48 — which may have belonged to someone else by the time of the re-survey.
- At times the Certificate # is different for the original claimant than for the landowner shown on the plat map or the original claimant's Certificate # changes (there are at least three different #s associated with William Brumfield); sometimes the Section # on a later plat map is different from what's shown on an earlier plat map, though the land is the same.
- Most of the individuals of interest who owned land in Washington Parish were not on the *Settlers List,* so they obviously bought the land from the original claimant or a later owner and <u>a review of deed records will be needed</u>. The Certificates and patents were issued in the name of ("under") the claimant on the *Settlers List*, which complicates efforts to pinpoint a time frame for ownership.

[4] "County-Parish Boundaries in Louisiana," Historical Documents: Miscellaneous Documents, 39.
[5] Found, respectively, in Historical Documents: Plats, old; Plats, official; Field Notes; Certificates; and Land Claims. Evidence can be found in "Greensburg District, Protest, Evidence & Decisions" by searching on Doc ID Number 518.00191 as I failed to note how I originally found this and cannot find it again searching on Doc Type.

The township system of land surveying eventually implemented in Louisiana was the same system used for all public lands, i.e., generally speaking, land located in territories and states outside the original thirteen colonies. But the Louisiana tracts were originally laid out by the old metes and bounds system, so Ridley Brumfield's tract, Section 54 (below, left), was a triangular tract in what became the Southeast quadrant of Section 31; and John Brumfield's tracts (right) were part of one large tract that eventually spanned the lines where three townships intersected.

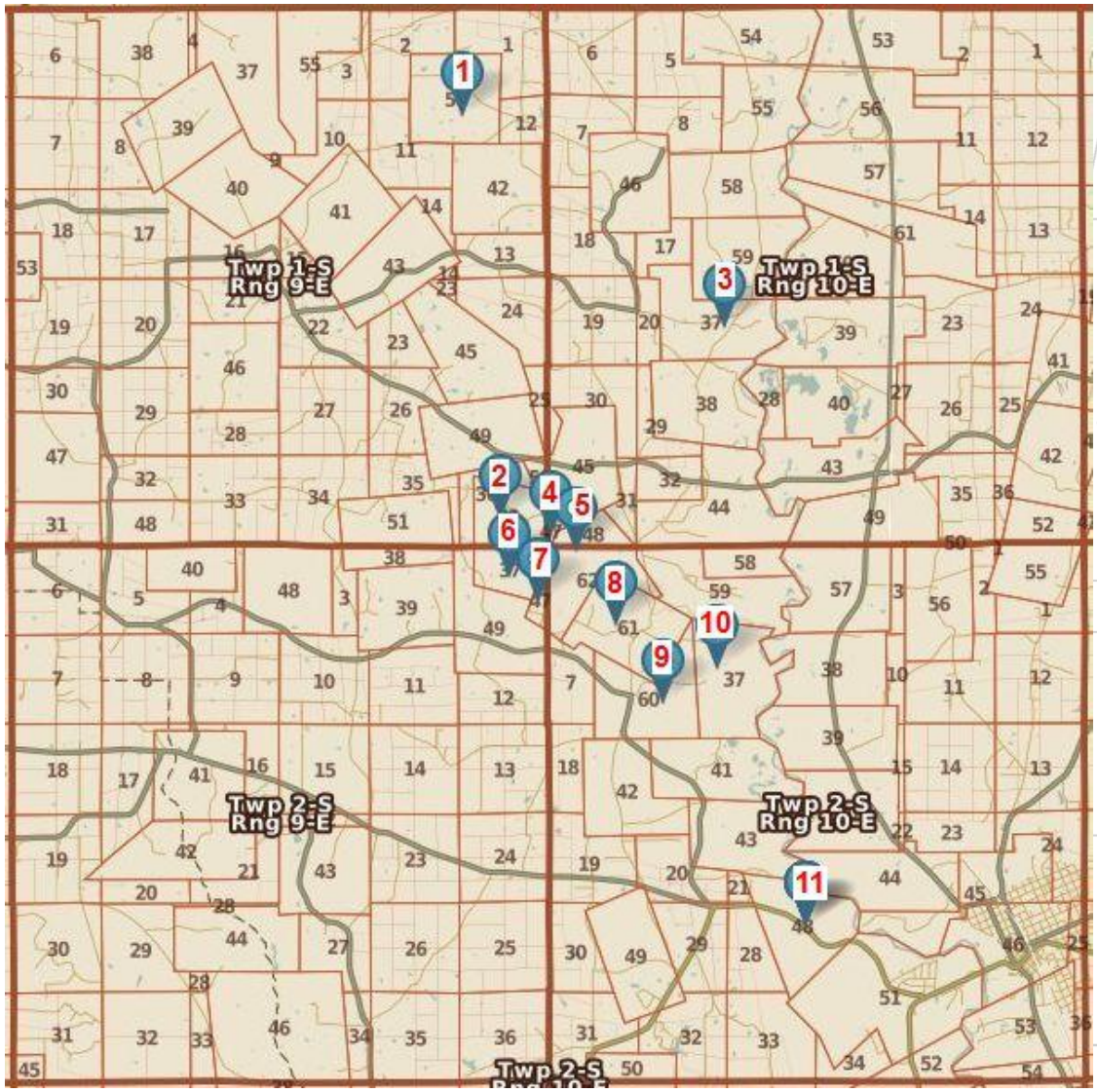


(A) Ridley Brumfield's Section 54 on 1852 plat map, Township 3 South Range 10E (cropped)[6]

(B) John Brumfield tracts: Township 1 (#52) and 2 (#37) South, Range 9E; and Township 1 South Range 10E (#47).[7]

[6] 1852 Resurvey Plat of T03S, R10E, GRE; Historical Documents: Official plats. See Ridley Brumfield, #13 below.
[7] Plotted by compiler at HistoryGeo (http://www.historygeo.com/). See John Brumfield's entries (#2, #4 and #6) below.

Tracts plotted in Townships 1 and 2 South, Range 9 East; and Townships1 and 2 South, Range 10 East:



---**Twp 1 South Range 9 East**---

1: Isaac & Nathaniel Brumfield, Section 5 (also as 54)

2: John Brumfield, Section 52

--- **Twp 1 South Range 10 East** ---

3: William Brumfield, Section 37

4: John Brumfield, Section 47

5: Wheelock & Brumfield, Section 48

--- **Twp 2 South Range 9 East** ---

6: John Brumfield, Section 2 (also as 37)

7: Sherrad Statum, Section 37 (also as 47)

--- **Twp 2 South Range 10 East** ---

8: John Clowers, Section 27 (also as 61)

9: Sherwood Statum, Section 35 (also as 60)

10: Frances & Lucy Statum, Section 37

11: Davis Brumfield, Section 48

What has been found on the above land (all from the previously cited Historical Documents collection):

#1: In the name of **Isaac and Nathaniel Brumfield**, Section 5, Certificate #~~258~~ 282, 640 acres on an old plat map c1828 for Twp 1 South Range 9 East. The 1850 plat map identifies this tract as Section 54, in the name of "I. & N. Brumfield under Elisha Roberts," Certificate #258, 642.40 acres. Field notes for the survey done by Eli Morgan in 1828 are in the name of Isaac & Nathaniel Brumfield, Certificate #282, which may indicate that they purchased the land from Roberts between 1824 and 1828.[8] Elisha Roberts was named in the *Settlers List* several times, year of settlement varying from 1809 to 1812. Evidence of his claim to this land was provided and Certificate #258 was issued on 24 October 1824. A re-survey was ordered for 640 acres, specifying that 1/4 was to be taken from each of Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12;[9] the resulting survey is probably when the Section # changed from 5 to 54. It isn't clear why the Certificate # is variously shown as 282 and 258; 282 was the Certificate # for another of Roberts' land claims.

#2: In the name of **John Brumfield**, Section 52, Certificate #471, 95.20 acres, on an old plat map c1828 for Twp 1 South Range 9 East. On an 1850 map, the tract is in the name of Levi Bankston, Certificate #383, 367.48 acres. The significant difference in the number of acres may be because Section 52 was apparently part of a large tract that spread over several townships — see (B) John Brumfield tracts, plotted above. Field notes: there are two copies, both surveys done by Eli Morgan in 1828, according to the official plat map; one is shown as T1 & 2 R9 & 10 and references the SW corner of Wm Self's land; the other is shown as T1 or 2 R9 & 10 (it looks like it started out as T2 but was changed to T1), and references Wm Self's SW corner and the NW corner of Wheelock & Brumfield.[10]

#3: In the name of **William Brumfield**, Section 37**,** on an plat map, 1831, for Twp 1 South Range 10 East, Certificate #407, 629.92 acres; and in the name of John Willeford on an 1851 map, same Certificate #, 640.50 acres, Cosby 1813 #1009. Field notes: there are two copies of Eli Morgan's survey, presumably in 1828, which mentions the NE corner of Mrs. Carter's claim on Bogue Chitto; both are for T1 R10, one of them gives the Certificate # as 407 and the total area as 613.95 acres and the other doesn't state this information. There is also a survey by Stephen Roberts done in January 1831, T1 R10, Certificate #407, that mentions Noble Butler's corner "on the west margin of Bogue Chitto", total area 629.92 acres; this syncs with the 1831 plat map, which shows Noble Butler's land to the north (Section 22) and William Carter's to the south (Section 38) of Brumfield's.[11]

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[8] Field Notes for Isaac & Nathaniel Brumfield, Book 10A: 4/90, and Vol. 32: 8/14, both surveys by Eli Morgan.
[9] Original Exhibit of Private Land Claims Greensburg *[Settlers List]* Book 2: 199/5; Evidence, p. 222/219.
[10] Field Notes for John Brumfield, Book 10A: 31/103, and Vol. 32: 47/53.
[11] Field Notes for William Brumfield, Book 10A: 22/99; Vol. 32: 33/39; and Vol. 39: 11/366.

William's name appears twice in the *Settlers List*: the first entry shows he made his claim by purchase in 1809 but it is associated with another parcel of land (Section 43, Township 2) and will be discussed later. The second entry is the one that appears to apply to the current land though it contains no land reference; this register page is from Cosby & Skipworth's November 1820 report: William Brumfield, claim by settlement 1813 St. Tammany, Certificate #630 issued 15 June 1872. The corresponding Certificate record, "Actual Settlers Certificate No. 630", states that William Brumfield, his heirs and legal representatives were entitled to 640 acres of land in St. Tammany Parish "as reported by Cosby & Skipworth 18 November 1820.[12]

The lack of a land reference in William Brumfield's second *Settlers List* entry is probably because the certificate was not issued in his name but in John Willeford's, who is on the first *Settlers List* compiled by James O. Cosby in 1813 (thus the "Cosby 1813 #1009" reference on the later plat map): Line 1009, settled in 1807, Certificate #407 issued on 4 December 1819; Section 37, Twp 1S Range 10E, 640.50 acres based on a survey by Cabell in 1851, plat sent to Register for patent on 21 April 1860.[13] This conclusion is corroborated by the 3 July 1851 review by Amos Kent, Register, found in William's claim papers: [Section] 37, William Brumfield, confirmee John Willeford, Cosby 1813 No. 1009, Certificate 407.[14] William Brumfield probably acquired this land no later than 1820 when Cosby & Skipworth compiled the register on which Brumfield's name appears. The fact that his entry shows the claim was *by settlement* rather than purchase is one of the inconsistencies found in these records that makes it difficult to piece together events and timelines.

#4 In the name of **John Brumfield**, Section 47, on an old plat map, 1831, for Twp 1 South Range 10 East, Certificate #471, 14.71 acres; and in the name of Levi Bankston under William Waskam, 14.20 acres, Certificate #s 782 and 383, Cosby 1813 #968. Section 47 was part of a larger tract that spread over several townships, see (B) John Brumfield's tracts, above; and as shown in the survey plat from the claim papers for Levi Bankston, which names William Waskum as the confirmee:

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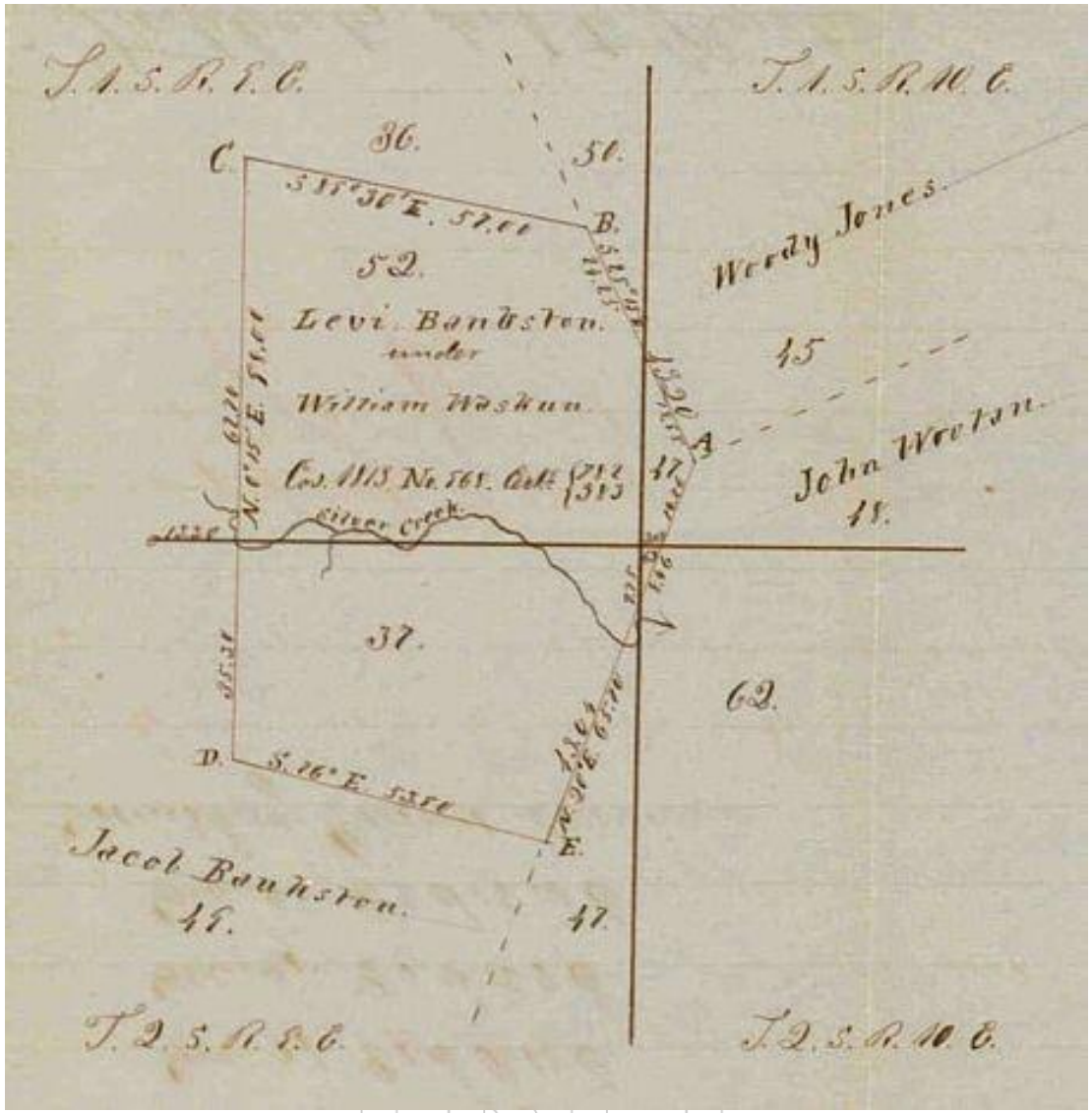
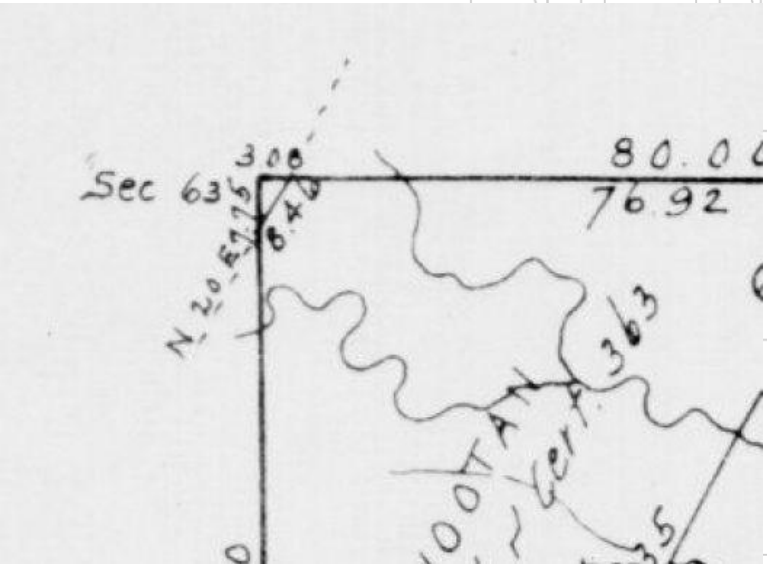
[12] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 2: 151/37, Line 2; Certificates of Confirmation, 1819-1853, p. 186/187, Actual Settlers Certificate #630, dated 15 June 1872.
[13] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 1: 103/111; Line 1009, John Willeford.
[14] Claim Papers Greensburg T3S R8-14E & T4S R1&2E, pp. 45-46.

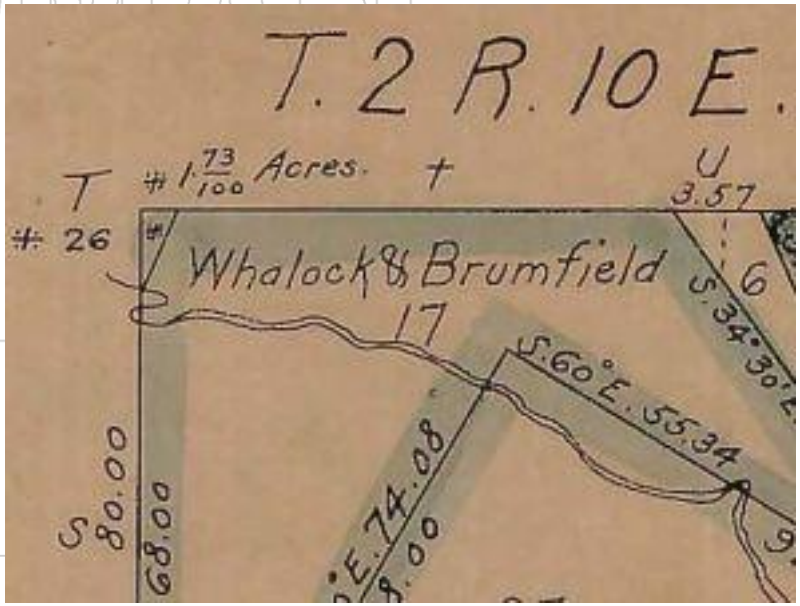


(C) Survey plat from claim papers of Levi Bankston, confirmee William Waskum.[15]

[15] Claim papers, Greensburg, T1S R10-13E, T1S R14E, pp. 72-73, Certificates #782 and 383, survey by Silas Taylor approved on 5 September 1856.

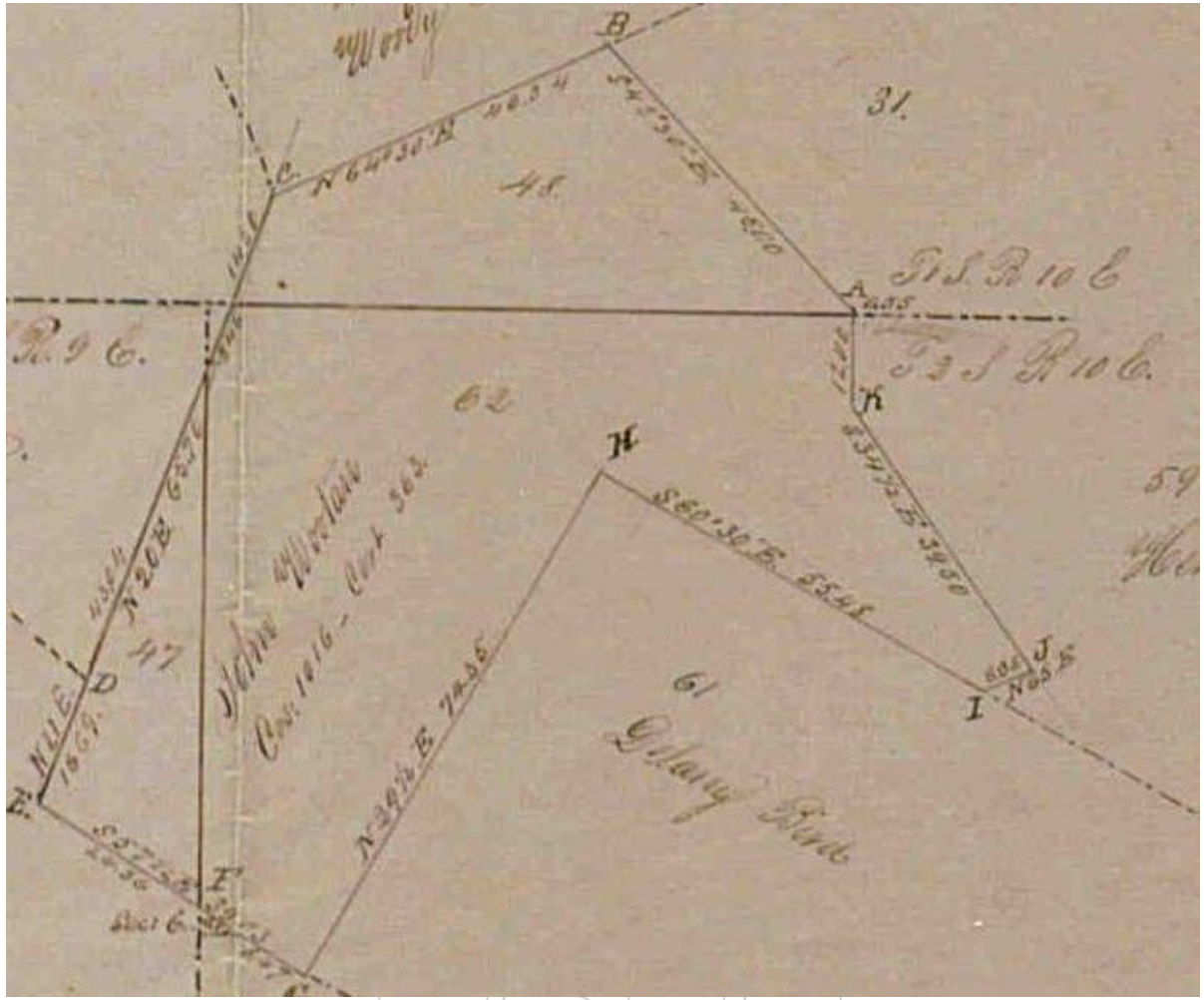
The claim papers also include, but the survey does not show, Section 63 in Twp 2S R10E. The 1851 plat map for this township is the only place I found Section 63, situated in the extreme NW corner and actually outside the township bounds in the adjacent T2S R9E (left), in the name of Levi Bankston under William Waskum. The same land is shown on the 1831 map for the same township, but as Section 26 (right), in the name of John Brumfield.[16].





#5: In the name of **Wheelock & Brumfield** (also seen as Whalock), Section 48, on an old plat map, 1831, for Twp 1 South Range 10 East, Certificate #363, 130.58 acres; and in the name of John Wootan on an 1851 plat map, Certificate #363, 221.50 acres, Cosby 1813 #1016. As with John Brumfield's land, this is part of a larger tract spanning Twps 1 and 2, according to the survey plat contained in John Wootan's claim papers; Section 17, shown in the cropped map immediately above, was renamed Section 62 on the later map and on Wootan's survey, below:

[16] Old and official plat maps for Twp 2 South, Range 10 East.



(D) Survey plat from John Wootan's claim papers[17]

Only Sections 48 and 62 on the above survey plat were associated with Wheelock & Brumfield. Section 47, which is located in the neighboring township, was in the name of Sherrad Statum in 1831 (see #7, below). John Wootan was on

[17] Claim papers, Greensburg, T1S R10-13E, T1S R14E, pp. 72-73, Certificate #363, survey by Charles J. Cabell and H.T. Williams, approved 30 September 1856.

Cosby's 1813 *Settlers List*, Line 1016, Certificate #363 issued on 28 May 1825.[18] The Certificate was issued to Wheelock and Brumfield, assignees of John Wootan per the claim papers and evidence found for them; the latter refers to Section 62 under its original name, Section 17. In both records a re-survey, 640 acres total, was ordered on the same date. There are several surveys associated with this land, including one by Eli Morgan, date unknown according to the official plat map; the field notes are "for John Brumfield & Whelock" and mention the NE boundary of Clowers' claim.[19]

#6: In the name of **John Brumfield**, Section 2 on old plat map, 1828, Twp 2 South Range 9 East, Certificate #471, 162.71 acres; and as Section 37 in the name of Levi Bankston, on 1849 plat map, Certificate #383, 258.98 acres, Cosby 1813 #761. Bankston is actually Line 760 in the *Settlers List* but with a different Certificate # and different land. His claim papers have the right Certificate #, 383, and 968 is written in just above this; line 968 corresponds to William Waskam, whose *Settlers List* entry includes this land.[20] This is part of the larger tract shown above in (B) and (C).

#7: In the name of **Sherrad Statum**, Section 37 on old plat map, 1828, for Twp 2 South Range 9 East, Certificate #547, 5.50 acres; and as Section 47 on 1849 plat map, in the name of Wheelock & Brumfield under John Wootan, 70.50 acres, Certificate #363, Cosby 1813 #1016. Field notes have been found "for John Brumfield and Sherrad Statum", T1 (changed to 2?) R9 & 10, Certificate #40, with references to Wm Self's claim; but it also references the NE boundary of John Clowers' claim, so this may belong to Sherwood's land in Twp 2 Range 10 (#9 below).[21]

#8: In the name of **John Clowers**, Section 27 on old plat map, 1832, for Twp 2 South Range 10 East, Certificate #162, 629.96 acres; and as Section 61 in the name of Delaney Bird on the 1851 township plat, Certificate #[365], Cosby 1813 #863 (Delaney Bird is actually Line 862, not 863, in the *Settlers List*).[22] The private claims in this township were originally surveyed by Eli Morgan but no date is noted. Stephen Roberts surveyed the tract for John Clowers, Certificate #162, in July 1831, with the field notes mentioning the NW corner of Frances & Lucy Statum's claim, the corner of Sherwood Statum's claim and Silver Creek.[23] The claim papers for Delaney Bird, Certificate #365, reference his entry on the 1813

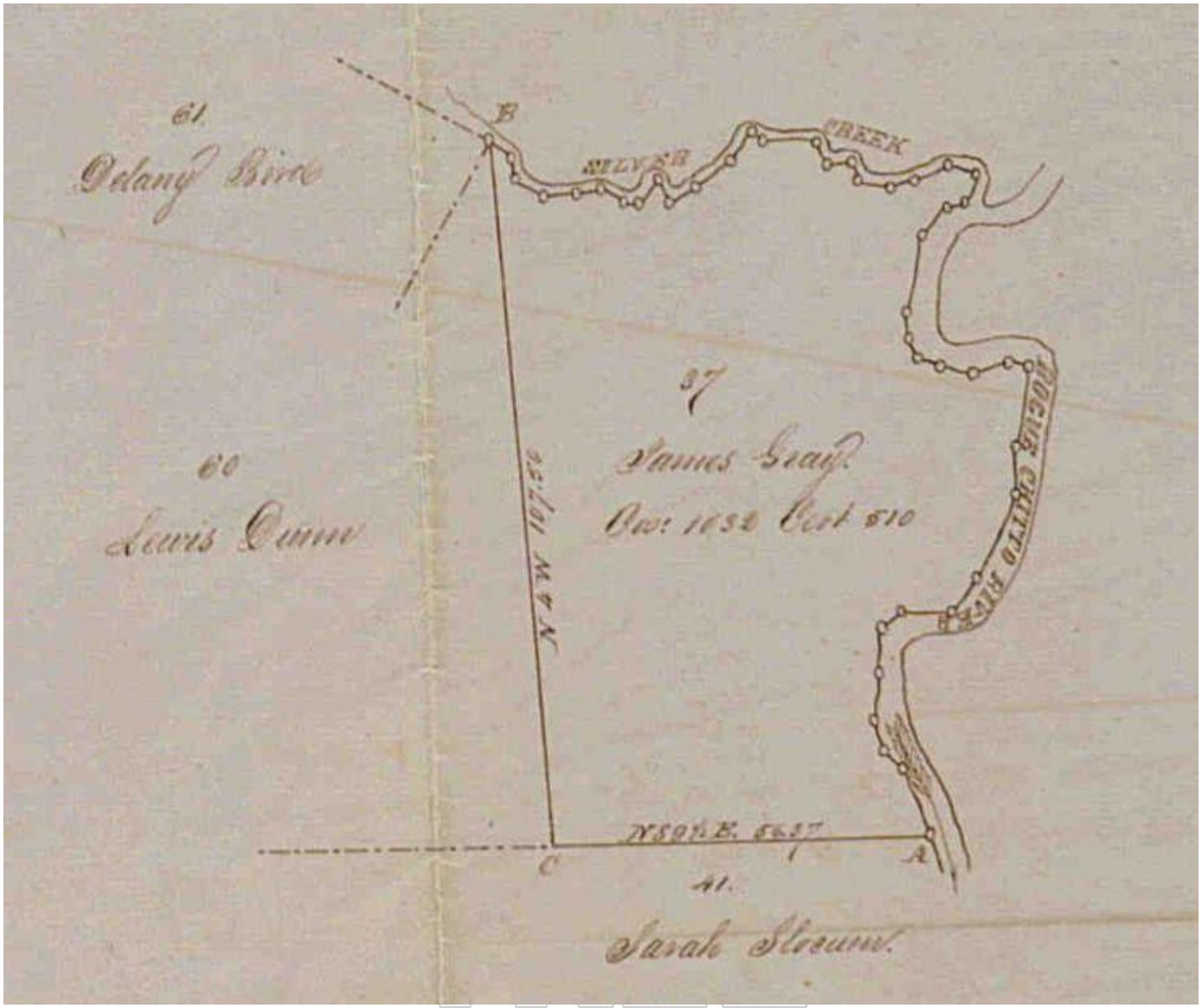
[18] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 1: 103/111, Line 1016, John Wootan; land includes Section 48 T1S R10E; Section 47 T2S R9E; and Section 62 T2S R10E.
[19] Claim Papers Greensburg T1S R10-14E pp. 8-11, Wheelock & Brumfield; official plat map for T2S R9E; Field Notes Vol. 32: 46/52.
[20] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 1, p. 91/99 (Levi Bankston) and p. 101/109 (William Waskam); Certificates of Confirmation Greensburg District, 1819-1853, pp. 33-34, Levi Bankston, claim confirmed and re-survey ordered 20 August 1825..
[21] Field Notes Book 10A: 33-34/104-105; survey not dated or signed but in the surveys completed by Eli Morgan.
[22] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 1: 96/104, Line 862.
[23] Eli Morgan's field notes, Vol. 32: 35/41, which mentions Silver Creek but is labeled T1 R10, and Book 10A: 32/104, 640 acres for John Clowers, T2 R10; Stephen Roberts field notes, Vol. 37: 38/48.

Settlers List, and the certificate was issued in his name for Section 61, Twp 2 South Range 10 East in November 1856.[24] This land can be seen on Plat (E) below.

#9: In the name of **Sherwood Statum**, Section 35 on an old plat map, 1832, for Twp 2 South Range 10 East, Certificate #290, 640.06; and on the 1851 plat map as Section 60, in the name of Lewis Dunn, 652.22 acres, Certificate #290, Cosby 1813 #827 (Lewis Dunn is actually Line 826 in the *Settlers List*).[25] As noted in #7 above, there are field notes for a survey done by Eli Morgan for "John Brumfield & Sherrad Statum", Certificate #40, which reference John Clowers' NE corner. Stephen Roberts surveyed the current tract for Sherwood in July 1831, Certificate #290, mentioning the lines of Frances & Lucy Statum, John Clowers and Sarah Slocum, all shown as adjoining landowners on the 1831 plat map for this township.[26] Claim papers are in the name of Lewis Dunn, Certificate #290, Cosby 1813 Settlers List 827 (826 is penciled in beside this), and show the survey done by C.J. Cabell, total 652.22 acres, with the plat showing "Road to ferry" cutting through the tract. Evidence for Sherwood Statem's claim was Certificate #290, issued on 18 November 1824 (presumably it was issued to Sherwood as the petition date and certificate date are the same). A survey was ordered the same date that specified it should include 640 acres, no more, and that the survey should commence "at any point on Statem's other claim"[27] but I have not found any information on an adjacent claim. This land can be seen on Plat (E), below.

#10: In the name of **Frances & Lucy Statum**, Section 37 on old plat map, 1832, for Twp 2 South Range 10 East, Certificate #510, 639.76 acres; and on the 1851 plat map, same Certificate #, 632.92 acres in the name of James Gray, Cosby 1813 #1032. Field notes: survey of Mrs. Statum's tract by Eli Morgan, date unknown, mentions Bogue Chitto and the lines of Mrs. S. Slocum, Lewis Terry and Clowers. Claim papers: in the name of James Gray, survey of 632.92 acres by Charles J. Cabell (in 1851 per the official plat map) shows tract bounded on east by Bogue Chitto river and on north by Silver Creek; see plat (E) below. Evidence: Francis & Lucy Statem's claim by purchase from Dan[l] Kenada and in virtue of Certificate #510 issued on 2 February 1820; evidence date 19 November 1824, re-survey ordered same date.[28]

[24] Certificates of Confirmation, 1819-1853, p. 40/41; Claim papers, Greensburg T2S R5-12E & 14E, pp. 227-228; and Claim Papers, Greensburg T2S R6-12E, T2S R14E, pp. 146-147. The second group of claim papers includes Charles J. Cabell's survey, which would have been done in 1851 according to the official plat map for this township.
[25] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 1: 94/102.
[26] Field Notes, Book 10A: 31/103 and 32/104; Field Notes Vol. 37: 37/47.
[27] Claim Papers, Greensburg T2S R6-12E, T2S R14E, pp. 156-157; Evidence, p. 252/248.
[28] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 1: 104/112, James Gray, line 1032; Field Notes, Book 10A: 34/105, and Vol. 32: 52/58; Claim Papers, Greensburg T2S R6-12E, T2S R14E, pp. 172-173; Evidence, p. 252/248.



(E) Frances & Lucy Statham's land, purchased from Daniel Kenada, original claimant James Gray; also shows John Clowers' land (original claimant Delaney Bird) and Sherwood Statum's land (original claimant Lewis Dunn).

#11: In the name of **Davis Brumfield**, Section 48 on an old plat map, 1832, for Twp 2 South Range 10 East, Certificate #694, 608.27 acres; and on an 1851 plat map, in the name of Elisha Roberts, same Certificate # and Section #, Cosby 1813 #934 (Elisha Roberts was actually Line 933 in the 1813 *Settlers List*).[29] Field notes from surveys (name as *David* Brumfield) by Eli Morgan, date unknown, and Stephen Roberts, April 1831; both mention Bogue Chitto, lines of Young and Fussel and Island boundary.[30] Claims papers are in the name of Elisha Roberts, Certificate #694, Cosby 1813 #934 (with 933 written in parentheses to the side), survey plat and field notes by Charles J. Cabell, 644.96 acres; oddly, the List of Claims for this township shows it as "Davis Brumfield under Malcolm Curry...Confirmee Elisha Roberts."[31] Evidence: Davis petitioned for confirmation of his claim by purchase of the land from John W. Williams on 20 (or 21) August 1825, by virtue of Certificate #694 issued on 7 November 1820 to Malcolm Curry.[32] I have been unable so far to find anything further on Malcolm Curry, who is not shown in the index of the *Settlers List*, nor have any claim papers or evidence been found for him. The only other tie to John Williams I found was a note in the margin of Davis Brumfield's evidence record, "Cosby 1013" and "Cosby Supp. No. 21"; both of those entries in the *Settlers List* do indeed belong to John Williams, but there is nothing in either of them (Certificate #, land, etc.) that syncs with the above records for Davis Brumfield. .

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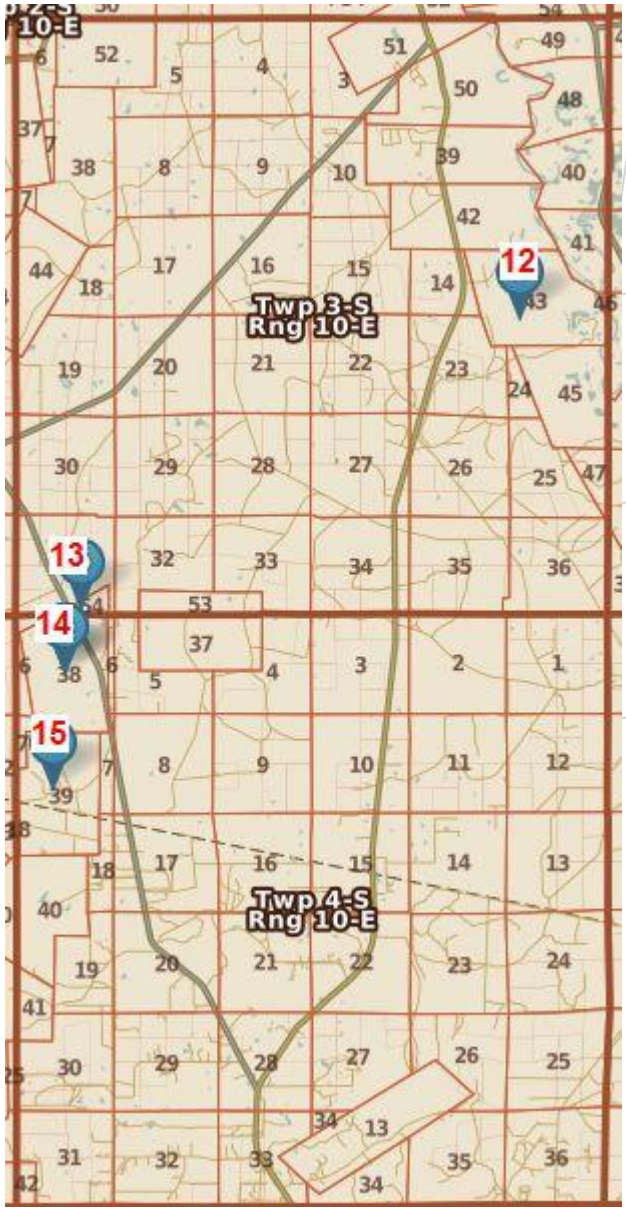
[29] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 1: 99/107.
[30] Eli Morgan, Book 10A: 42/109 and Vol. 32: 54/60; Stephen Roberts, Vol. 37: 24-25/34-35.
[31] Claim papers, T2S R6-12E, T2S 14E, pp. 184-185; List of Claims, p. 188.
[32] Evidence, p. 36/39.

Tracts plotted in Townships 3 and 4 South, Range 10 East:



---**Twp 3S Range 10E**---

12: John/William Brumfield, Section 43

13: Ridley Brumfield, Section 54

---**Twp 4S Range 10E**---

14: Ridley Brumfield, Section 38

15: Ezekiel Brumfield, Section 39

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What has been found on the land plotted above

#12: In the name of **John Brumfield**, Section 43, on old plat map, 1832, for Twp 3 South Range 10 East, Certificate #471, 637.91 acres; on the 1851 plat map, in the name of **William Brumfield**, same Certificate #, 641.03 acres, Cosby 1813 #914 (actually, William is on line 913 in the *Settlers List*). Field notes: this land was surveyed for John Brumfield by Eli Morgan, date unknown; by Stephen Roberts in July 1831; and by Charles J. Cabell in May 1851; the 1831 survey mentions Aaron Miller's line and the 1851 survey mentions Brazeal's line and the "old line Eustis River Swamp". Certificate #407 issued to William Brumfield on 4 December 1819 confirming his entitlement to 640 acres in St. Tammany Parish "where he now resides as an actual settler by purchase from Peter Lorance." Claim papers in the name of William Brumfield, 3 July 1851, Certificate #~~407~~ 471, No. 914 on Cosby's 1813 *Settlers List*, and order for a re-survey, 640 acres, Section 43, Twp 3 South, Range 10 East, "to be cert. No. 471 per Register's letter of Aug. 4th 1851."[33]

#13: In the name of **Ridley Brumfield**, Section 54, on the 1851 plat map for Twp 3 South Range 10 East (there was no Section 54 on the 1832 plat map), Certificate #404, 53.69 acres, Cosby 1813 #920 (Ridley was actually line 919 in the *Settlers List*). Field notes for the survey by Charles J. Cabell in May 1851 mention the south boundary of the township and Judge Penn's Mill pond; see plat (A), above. Claim papers: Certificate #404 was issued to Ridley Brumfield on 4 December 1819, confirming his entitlement to "a section of land situate in the parish of St. Tammany on which he now resides as an actual settler." Order to re-survey the tract on 3 March 1825 "beginning on the East margin of Tchefoncta at the line of E. Brumfield," to total 640 acres and no more; back of this page lists both this tract and Section 38 in Twp 4.[34]

#14: In the name of **Ridley Brumfield**, Section 38 on the old plat map, 1827, for Twp 4 South Range 10 East, Certificate #404, 640 acres; and same on the 1852 plat map, 614.10 acres, Cosby 1813 #920 (see #13).

#15: In the name of **Ezekiel Brumfield**, Section 39 on old plat map, 1827, for Twp 4 South, Range 10 East, Certificate #404, 640 acres; same on 1852 plat map, 637.38 acres, Cosby 1813 #915 (Ezekiel is actually line 914 in the *Settlers List*).[35] No other records have been found for him.

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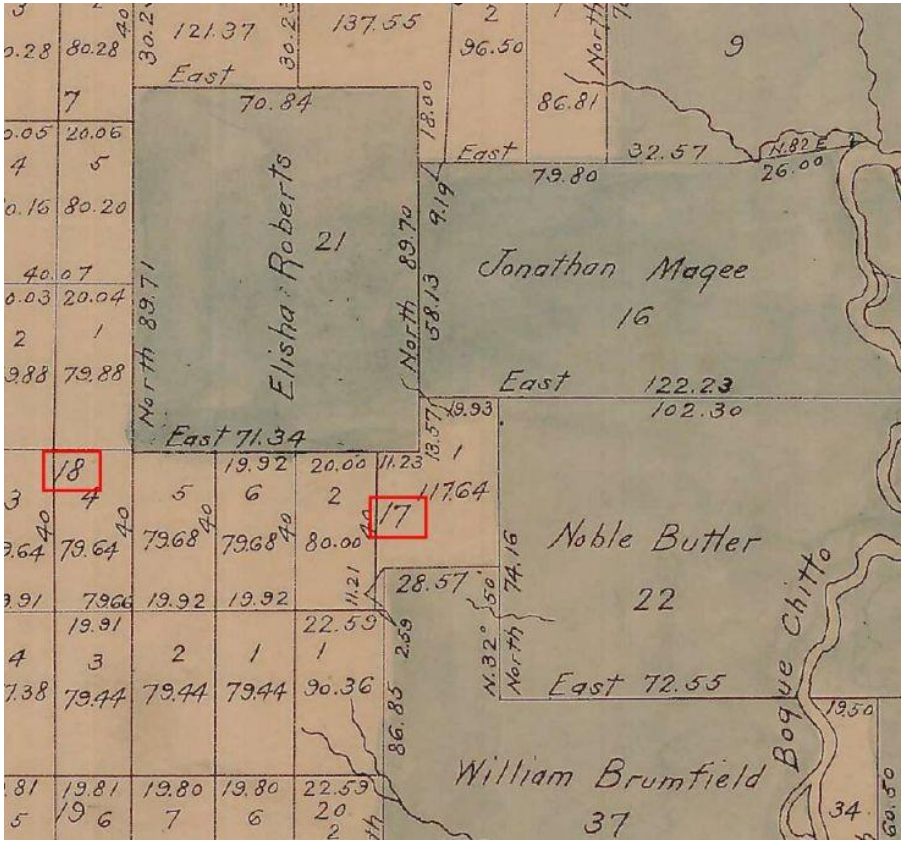
[33] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 1: 98/106, William Brumfield; Field Notes, Book 10A: 17/96 (Morgan), Vol. 37: 50/60 (Roberts), Book 2: 27/221 (Cabell); Certificates of Confirmation, 1853-1872, p. 256/261; Claim Papers Greensburg T3S R8-14E & T4S R1&2E, pp. 45-46.
[34] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 1: 98/106; Field Notes Book 2: 46/231; Claim Papers, Greensburg T3S R8-14E & T4S R1&2E, pp 49-54.
[35] Original Exhibit etc. *[Settlers List]* Book 1: 98/106.

Names not on the above plat maps

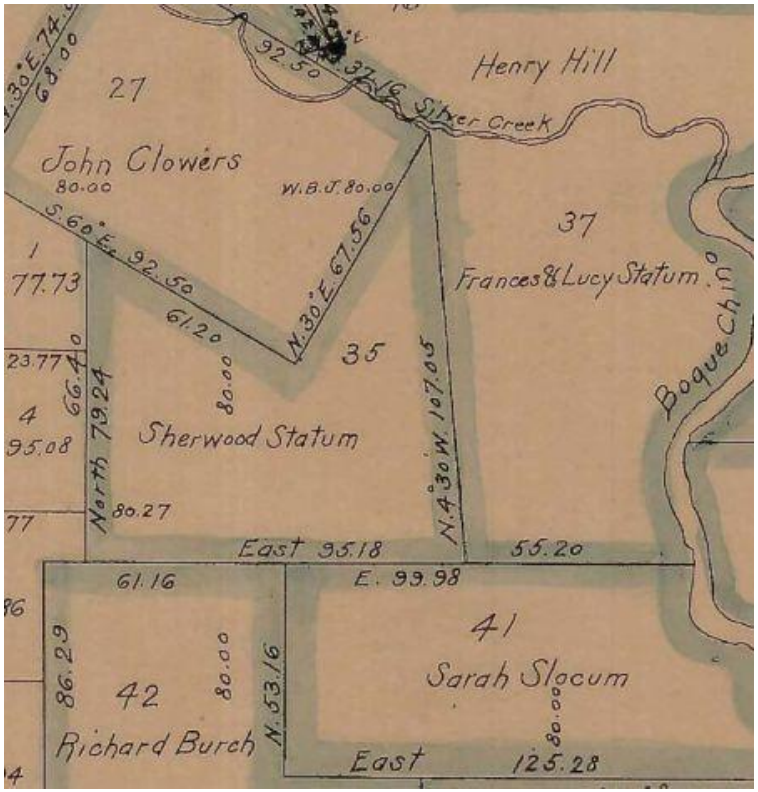
Willis Brumfield: Field notes for two surveys have been found for Willis in Twp 1 South Range 10 East. Both are included with Eli Morgan's surveys, but these are not dated and there is no reference on either the 1831 or 1851 plat map to Morgan's having surveyed the private claims for this township. Neither survey cites a Certificate # and the only piece of information that offers a clue as to where this land was located is a reference to the line between Sections 17 & 18,[36] which are shown below on the 1831 map (cropped):



[36] Field Notes, Book 10A: 21/98; and Vol. 32: 31/37.

This map reflects surveys completed by Stephen Roberts in January 1831 — he surveyed Johnathan McGee's tract on the 22nd, Elisha Roberts' on the 24th, Noble Butler's on the 25th and William Brumfield's on the 26th[37] — and the number of acres shown in each of those surveys corresponds exactly with the number of acres shown for them on the plat map. Willis (or Wills) Brumfield's land is referenced in McGee's and Roberts' surveys, both of which also mention the line between Sections 17 and 18. Willis's tract was not insignificant, 640 acres according to his survey, and its absence from the above plat map or on the later plat map, either under his name or someone else's, seems very odd considering its mention in the other landowners' surveys.

Charles Statum: Field notes from undated surveys by Eli Morgan for a tract in Twp 2 South Range 10 East reference the lines of John Clowers, Mrs. Statum and Mrs. Slocum, placing it about where Sherwood Statum's tract was (1832 map):



[37] Field Notes, Vol. 39: 5-10/360-365.

Neither survey gives a Certificate # or a total number of acres. Book 10A, where one survey is found, also contains the survey "for John Brumfield & Sherrad Statum, T1 (or 2) R9 & 10" mentioned in Sherwood's entries above (#7 and #9), which suggests that the Charles Statum and Sherrad Statum tracts are not the same land. But Vol. 32, where Charles Statum's other survey is found (possibly from the same survey since it's by the same surveyor), doesn't have one for Sherwood.[38] The uncertainties about the Book 10A survey for Sherrad Statum further exacerbate the confusion.

The official plat map for Twp 2 South Range 10 East doesn't mention Morgan having surveyed its private claims, but clearly he did: in the same group of surveys that includes the one for Charles, there are surveys for John Clowers, John Brumfield (Wheelock & Brumfield, the tract to the north of Clowers), Mrs. Statum, Mrs. Slocum and Davis Brumfield,[39] all of whom had land in this township. One possible scenario is that Sherwood's tract was originally held by Charles; that Eli Morgan surveyed it c1827 or 1828 when he was surveying private claims in Townships 1 & 2 South Range 9 East; and that ownership had passed to Sherwood by the time of Stephen Roberts' surveys in 1831. A review of deed records is obviously needed to see whether they bear this supposition out and to answer the many other lingering questions about Brumfield, Statham and Clowers land in Washington Parish.[40]

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[38] Field Notes for Charles Statum, Book 10A: 33/104; and Vol. 32: 53/59.
[39] Field Notes, Vol. 32; Clowers, p. 35/41; John Brumfield, pp. 46-47/52-53; Mrs. Statum, p. 52/58; Davis Brumfield, p. 54/60.
[40] Washington Parish deed records are digitized but only viewable at a Family History Center, and a review will be scheduled as time permits.